



## WHC Coalinga Vision Statement

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West Hills College Coalinga is committed to a relentless pursuit of student success.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we are about to end another eventful and productive academic year at West Hills College Coalinga, it is a good time to reflect on our achievements. Administrative efforts focused on providing WHCC students and faculty with the professional development and resources needed to make West Hills a unique and successful environment for innovation in teaching and learning. Together, we accomplished an impressive amount, of which we should all be proud.

Joy Cowden and Jeff Wander along with colleagues from CSU Fresno attended technology training that focused on iPad use in the classroom and use of Open Educational Resources. Justin Hampton championed *Academic Gameplan* with his rodeo students. He is sharing the results and working with other faculty to implement these strategies in other areas. Matt Magnuson, Nick Andrews, and Scott Sutherland attended a six-day basic skills conference on "Leadership for Curricular and Institutional Transformation." They used what they learned to enhance basic skills and Supplemental Instruction efforts. Tutor coordinator, Brian Rouska, also took a group of student leaders to *Tutor Expo* at Pierce College.

### **Academic Highlights:**

When we started our **Supplemental Instruction (SI)** initiative, **UpGrade**, last year we had 10 tutors and provided services to only six classes. This year UpGrade was expanded to 28 tutors and mentors going into 19 classes. The UpGrade team provided professional development training sessions for student tutors and faculty in Reading Apprenticeship, a program that focuses on learning techniques that help to develop the knowledge, strategies, and dispositions needed to become more powerful readers. We are moving the needle; the initial student success data indicates positive gains. Kudos to all faculty and student leaders for working together!

### **Lumina's DQP (Degree Qualifications Profile)**

When talking about DQP, Arkady Hanjiev shared, "...it really opened the eyes of faculty to see the connectedness and meaningfulness of SLOs (Student Learning Outcomes)." Faculty are taking a deep dive in a more qualitative view of SLOs, especially as they connect DQP results to the degree in terms of learning and skills as opposed to just the sequence of classes. In order to expand the DQP project, the Pathway Design Team (PDT) selected the Geography, Political Science, Biology, and Business Administration Degrees to undergo the process. Mid-year, the team started a district-wide discussion on the need for a system to report SLO data in terms of individual student results as opposed to just class data. Arkady led a team of representatives from WHC Lemoore and the District Office to examine outcomes assessment software. We hope to have a new data tool by the start of the new academic year.

WHCC **Program Review** Committee relies on quantitative and qualitative evidence to evaluate programs, develop recommendations to the President, and determine and implement improvements to the process. Kudos to the Committee (Melissa Holsonbake, Tim Ellsworth, Anne Jorgens, Matt Matteson, Clint Cowden, Stephan McGovern, Sandy McGlothlin, Sarrah Shepard, Arrone Hauki, and Stephanie Droker) for their comprehensive evaluation and enhancement of the Program Review process. After months of hard work, we now are more closely aligned with the college mission and core goals, and aligned with the district strategic goals along with Student Success/Student Equity goals. The committee also redesigned the portal site to increase functionality and facilitate shared work. The results of their efforts will better inform the integrated planning and resource allocation process at the college.

The **Farm of the Future** will be featured on an episode of **Valley PBS' Valley's Gold**, a show that covers subjects relating to agriculture in the Central Valley. Producers came out to film and interview students and Clint Cowden. The new season of Valley's Gold begins on September 9 and this episode is anticipated to air in October or November. Host Ryan Jacobsen shared with me that he was "impressed with the dedication to learning about **agriculture across the curriculum** at West Hills."

**Other highlights:**

On May 1st, we were proud to welcome the newest addition to the Falcon family. Officer Montoya from Coalinga PD is now stationed at the college. His office is in the main administration building but you are more likely to find him out and about on campus. He has attended several college governance meetings and has met with faculty and students. If you see him on campus, please join me in welcoming him to West Hills College Coalinga.

Melissa Holsonbake's art students put together a wonderful showcase of student artwork. Award recipients were: Josefina Dickinson, Outstanding Drawing; Jesse Jimenez, Outstanding Painting and Kiru Yan Wang for Outstanding Design. If you missed the exhibit, visit

On Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> we came together to celebrate and show our appreciation for one another. A number of faculty and staff were given awards for their "above and beyond" work. Al Graves was named Faculty Volunteer of the Year and Aronne Hauki was named Classified Volunteer of the Year. We had a number of special shout outs ... Department of the Year was Athletics for their work hosting a number of fundraising activities, community outreach events and for assisting the Conference in test driving the new Conference Program Review.

On Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> Pat Hill, former Fresno State Football Coach, was the keynote speaker at the 2014 Falcon Championship Football team with a Ring Ceremony. Community members, WHCC faculty and staff along with former players celebrated the winning team and coaches.

Three Lady Falcons were named to Central Valley All-Conference Softball team and three others were given honorable mentions. The team's head coach, Staci Mosher, was also named Coach of the Year for her work this year. Kayla Day was named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference while Sydnee Cisneros and Valerie Romero were named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team. Kelsea Brassart, Alyssa d'Artenay, and Ashley Brown earned honorable mentions. Way to go Falcons!

During the last President's Open Forum of the year, the latest plans from AP Architects for the new North District Center were shared. Kudos to all staff, students and faculty who have been involved in the planning of the new center!

Commencement will be held on Friday, May 22 with a record number of graduates participating. This year, we will be streaming the graduation live. A link can be found at [www.westhillscollge.com/coalinga](http://www.westhillscollge.com/coalinga). Ray Hodges of Avenal and class of 1956 has been chosen as West Hills College Coalinga's 2015 Alumnus of the Year. Ashlee Rocha, ASB President will be the featured student speaker. Edna Ivans will be our distinguished commencement speaker.

Reflecting on a year of outstanding achievements reinforces my enthusiasm for what we can accomplish at West Hills College Coalinga in the year to come. I am excited to greet the possibilities before us.

## FEATURED LEARNING AREA – INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROGRAM

This year the West Hills College International Students Program has the most diverse student population ever, with 16 countries represented, including Yemen, Colombia, Brazil, Hong Kong, China, Korea, Japan, UK, Poland, France, Russia, Malaysia, Israel, Vietnam, Macau and Chile. West Hills College has been working with four other community colleges in the United States for over 15 years now, under the name of USA Community College Consortium [www.usacommcollege.com](http://www.usacommcollege.com). The other colleges represented in the Consortium include Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon Washington, Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Illinois, Delaware County Community College in Media, Pennsylvania, and College of Central Florida in Ocala, Florida. All schools have a strong commitment to providing the same level of services to all international students, including free Airport Pick-Up, housing arrangement, overseas outreach, and shared governance. The Consortium meets annually each April to discuss and plan the following year's travel through June 30. This year the group met in Coalinga from April 13-17. Representatives from each of the partner colleges are pictured below with WHCC International Program Director, Daniel Tamayo and Vice President of Student Services, Sandy McGlothlin.



## WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The TRiO/SSS Peer Mentors Program held a Mentor's Training on April 17, 2015. This training included Peer Mentors from Coalinga and NDC. Mark Matteson provided the mentors with words of encouragement and how to motivate their mentees to striving for success. Raquel Rodriguez emphasized various scenarios to overcome when working with mentees. The Peer Mentors also gave a presentation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tutor Expo they attended at Pierce College on March 20, 2015. They shared information from workshops such as Learning Styles, Life and Times of Supplemental Instructors (SI), and How to be Proactive in Your Career and Education. These students are not only showing that they can be successful Peer Mentors, but strive above basic expectations and look further into their future. These students are the future of success.



During the first week of April 2015, the TRiO/UB staff was able to conduct a series of UB Parent Orientation meetings that took place in the communities of Coalinga, San Joaquin and Mendota. The main purpose of the meeting was to provide information to parents regarding the upcoming UB Summer 2015 Residential Program. The event included College Knowledge for Parents plus an update on college deadline, procedures and requirements. The UB Parent Orientation meeting was mandatory for all the scholars who will be participating in the UB Summer 2015 Residential Program.





WHCC-NDC hosted a speaker on Women's Health and STD prevention on March 25. The speaker Jasmin Delgado, State of California STD Branch Consultant presented information the health status of women and STD prevention.

WHCC-NDC hosted a speaker in observation of Domestic Violence on April 8. The Rape and Sexual Abuse program Advocacy Coordinator Liberty Navarro presented information to increase awareness about the prevention of domestic violence.

Wednesday, April 15, WHCC-NDC Workforce Connection program hosted an Interest meeting to gather information on the training needs of the Firebaugh/west side area residents. Cecilio Mora, Workforce Connection Program Coordinator received information from the participants on the need for training on technical careers, ESL, GED and citizenship classes. Over 25 community members attended the interest meeting.



NDC students and staff participated in the annual City of Mendota Tree Day on April 20. The participants helped plant trees and collected litter around town. The event is part of national Earth Day activities scheduled through the state.



April 22, 23 and 24 NDC Advisors, counselor and student services staff hosted College Days on site. College Days at NDC were offered as additional support and outreach efforts by the college to ensure the highest number possible for high school graduate use of Priority Registration. The college day activities included break out groups on orientation and registration, financial aid and a college student panels. The event was a successful outreach; each high school now exceeding previous years' priority registration enrollments.



On Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 the college celebrated the Upward Bound Program with an end of the year awards ceremony for 2014-2015 students. Upward Bound, one of the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO programs, provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for Coalinga, Mendota and Tranquillity High School participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. The Upward Bound Award Ceremony was presented annually to those who not only excel in the classroom, but also demonstrate the Upward Bound spirit in all other areas of the program as well. At the ceremony, 25 Upward Bound Seniors students were recognized for their

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participation in the program and for their academic accomplishment since many students will be transferring to a Four-year college.

Among the UB Senior students who were recognized are as follows:

### **Coalinga High School**

**Roberto Arellano** is a Huron resident who has completed 21.5 units at WHC. He plans to major in Criminology and will be attending West Hills College Coalinga during the fall 2015 semester.

**Jasmine De Leon** is a Huron resident who has completed 22 units at WHC. She plans to major in Liberal Arts and will be attending West Hills College Coalinga during the fall 2015 semester.

**Yesenia Elias** is a Huron resident has completed 6 units at WHC. She plans to major in Psych Tech and will be attending West Hills College Coalinga during the fall 2015 semester.

**Yazmine Lomeli** is a Huron resident who has completed 14 units at WHC. She plans to major in Psychology- Pre Medicine and will be attending UC Merced during the fall 2015 semester.

**Octavio Magdaleno** is a Huron resident who has completed 17.5 units at WHC. He plans to major in Engineering and will be attending West Hills College Lemoore during the fall 2015 semester.

**Eduardo Martinez** is a Huron resident who has completed 11.5 units at WHC. He plans to double major in English & Mathematics and will be attending CSU Fresno during the fall 2015 semester.

**Michelle Mora** is a Coalinga resident who has completed 20 units at WHC. She plans to major in double major Biology and Pre-Med and will be attending UC Davis during the fall 2015 semester.

**Magali Palos** is a Coalinga resident who has completed 16 units at WHC. She plans to major in Art and will be attending West Hills College Coalinga during the fall 2015 semester.

**Jesus Pimentel** is a Huron resident who has completed 22.5 units at WHC. He plans to major in Engineering and will be attending UC Berkeley during the fall 2015 semester.

**Vanessa Quijada** is a Coalinga resident who has completed 25 units at WHC. She plans to major in Health Science and will be attending CSU Fresno during the fall 2015 semester.

**Yabane Ramirez** is a Huron resident who has completed 17.5 units at WHC. He plans to major in Business Administration and will be attending West Hills College Coalinga during the fall 2015 semester.

**Ruchi Rawal** is a Coalinga resident who has completed 20 units at WHC. She has been accepted to Princeton Ivy League School, but she has decided to attend UC Santa Barbara during the fall 2015 semester and plans to major in Pharmacology.

**Michael Sorto** is a Coalinga resident who has completed 19 units at WHC. She is undecided and will be attending West Hills College Coalinga during the fall 2015 semester.

**Michael Taylor** is a Coalinga resident who has completed 12 units at WHC. He plans to major in English and will be attending West Hills College Coalinga during the fall 2015 semester.

**Denisse Vargas** is a Coalinga resident who has completed 22 units at WHC. She plans to major in Education and will be attending West Hills College Coalinga during the fall 2015 semester.

**Karina Velazquez** is a Coalinga resident who has completed 14 units at WHC. She plans to join the Army.

### **Mendota High School**

**Gaston Aganza** is a Mendota resident who has completed 27 units at WHC. He plans to major in Engineering and will be attending CSU-Cal Poly during the fall 2015 semester.

**Reyes Barrientos** is a Mendota resident who has completed 14 units at WHC. He plans to major in Engineering and will be attending West Hills College Lemoore during the fall 2015 semester.

**Sairo Mayares** is a Mendota resident who has completed 25 units at WHC. He plans to major in Criminology and will be attending CSU Fresno during the fall 2015 semester.

### **Tranquillity High School**

**Genevieve Alvarez** is a San Joaquin resident who has completed 9 units at WHC. She plans to major in Engineering and will be attending CSU Fresno during the fall 2015 semester.

**Daniela Hernandez** is a San Joaquin resident who has completed 11 units at WHC. She plans to major in Liberal Arts & Education Counseling and will be attending CSU San Diego during the fall 2015 semester.

**Alma Mejia** is a San Joaquin resident who has completed 26 units at WHC. She plans to major in Education Counseling and will be attending CSU Fresno during the fall 2015 semester.

**Jazmin Godinez** is a Tranquillity resident who has completed 6 units at WHC. She plans to major in Education and will be attending UC Berkeley during the fall 2015 semester.

**Laura Perez** is a San Joaquin resident who has completed 3 units at WHC. She plans to major in Art and will be attending CSU Fresno during the fall 2015 semester.

**Cesar Rodriguez** is a San Joaquin resident who has completed 10 units at WHC. He plans to major in Liberal Arts & Education Counseling and will be attending CSU Fresno during the fall 2015 semester.

## **WEST HILLS COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE MONTH**



### **Yang Li**

Yang Li (Oscar) is from Yangzhou, China in the mid part of China. Oscar transferred to West Hills College from Skagit Valley College in Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Oscar has been in the US for one year now. Oscar's major is Agriculture, and he would like to transfer to UC Davis once he completes his AA Degree at West Hills College. His favorite subjects are Spanish and Math. His favorite food is Pizza, from Dominos and he likes to make his own pizza when he has time. He has traveled throughout the state with the International Students Program, exploring other parts of California.

Oscar's favorite hobbies are swimming, cycling, and cooking. Oscar currently volunteers at the International Students Program Office,

helping with a Social Media campaign in China, and corresponding with students that are interested in attending West Hills College. He will be returning home for vacation to China and then will begin his second term in the fall. Oscar is happy to be at West Hills College and in Coalinga.

## **WEST HILLS COLLEGE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**



### **Carolina Jimenez**

Carolina Jimenez has been working as an Advising Specialist for the past seven years. Her primary responsibilities are to advise and counsel international students when they are attending West Hills College about their courses, and transfer requirements. She is also responsible for new student orientation that takes place one week before the start of the first week of school. During orientation new students are given a placement exam, select courses, create an Ed Plan and are assisted with opening a bank account.

Prior to working at West Hills College, Carolina worked at Proteus which is based in Hanford. Some of her responsibilities included outreach to local communities, job

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placement, general social services and administering the high school completion program.

Some of Carolina's interests include volunteering at her local church, St. Josephs, as a Board Member of the Finance Committee, and arranging the annual Miss Teen Avenal Pageant. She is also a scripture reader, belongs to her local prayer group in Avenal and is a member of the Avenal Community Health Center Board. Carolina is the proud parent of two daughters, Krystal and Karyme. Her hobbies include crocheting and cross stitching.

## WHCCD FOUNDATION

May is a very busy time in the foundation. Our largest event of the year, the President's Scholars Golf Tournament was scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> at Kings County Club with over 100 golfers. This is our primary fundraiser for the President's Scholars Program in which we expect 170 students to be enrolled next fall. Please take a minute to visit our website for a list of major donors and make sure to thank them:

[http://westhillscollege.com/district/foundation/golf\\_tournament/index.asp](http://westhillscollege.com/district/foundation/golf_tournament/index.asp)

If you are not a participant in the Employee Philanthropy Program, please consider joining today. You can direct your donations to a scholarship and/or program of your choice. If you're not sure of your choice and would like to discuss options, please don't hesitate to call me at 559 934-2134.

In addition to our golf tournament, the foundation will also hold a quarterly board of directors meeting in May and is very involved with scholarships. For a list of scholarships that are offered by the foundation, visit:

<http://westhillscollege.com/district/foundation/scholarships/index.asp>

Our scholarships are made available through the support of our many donors. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. Very often I have students tell me that without the support of their scholarship, they would not be able to attend college. If you know of a potential scholarship donor and would like the foundation to contact them, please share their name and contact information and I'll take it from there.

## ATHLETICS

The Athletic Department at WHCC currently services 6 intercollegiate sport teams (Men's Baseball, Basketball and Football; Women's Softball and Volleyball as well as Co-ed Rodeo). In addition to our sport teams we have a state of the art Athletic Training/Sports Medicine facility that services all of our student athletes in and out of sport seasons.

Athletics as a whole emphasizes academics first...we monitor all of our student athletes' academic progress on a monthly basis which aids in getting them academic help before things get out of hand for them. Over the last 5 years we have had an 81.80% success rate and a 93.79% retention rate with our women's athletic team members and a 77.89% success rate and 93.62% retention rate with our men's athletic team members. We are determined to keep our high standards in all aspects of our young men and women's collegiate experience at West Hills College Coalinga.

Baseball and softball are our spring sports. Baseball capped off their season with a 7-4 win over Porterville ending with 8 wins and 28 losses over all/5 wins and 19 losses in conference. Softball ended their season with 15 wins and 21 losses over-all/5 wins and 10 losses in conference. 6 players earned All-Conference honors with our head Coach Staci Mosher earning Co-Coach of the Year. Coach Mosher commented the following:

- Kayla Day SO Catcher from Caruthers and a team leader both on and off the field. Our only player to be selected as a 1<sup>st</sup> team DH, player who has a strong bat and works hard.
- Sydnee Cisneros SO Pitcher from Laton and one of the strongest pitchers in our conference the last 2 years selected as a 2<sup>nd</sup> team pitcher. Also a very strong bat for us leading our team a many categories.
- Valerie Romero FR 2B from Lakewood and a very solid defensive and offensive player for us and selected as a 2<sup>nd</sup> team IF.
- Kelsea Brassart SO 1B from Laton and very strong infielder and hitter for us the past 2 years selected Honorable Mention for 1B.

- Alyssa d'Artenay FR Catcher from Coalinga who has a gun for an arm and a strong bat for us this year selected Honorable Mention for Catchers.
- Ashley Brown FR Short Stop from Hanford who has great range and a great arm up the middle was selected Honorable Mention.
- I really don't know what to say about myself. The other coach who nominated me was Vicki Dugan from PC and she said it was because she has admired how I have been able to get my teams who haven't traditionally been good to continue to compete hard from day one to the very last day with positive attitudes. Having such small teams every year we still fight till the end.

Basketball and Rodeo are our 2 semester sports. Basketball is gearing up for fall 2015. Rodeo has wrapped up the West Coast Regionals April 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at the UNLV rodeo in Las Vegas. Edgar Machado earned 13<sup>th</sup> in the all-around, 11<sup>th</sup> in tie-down roping and 9<sup>th</sup> in team roping (heeler). Jose Machado earned 8<sup>th</sup> in team roping (header). Judah Adem placed 9<sup>th</sup> in saddle bronc with Jacob Lees placing 5<sup>th</sup> in bareback and Cierra Hubbard ending 14<sup>th</sup> in goat tying. Coach Hampton is hard at work recruiting for next season.

Our fall sports are football and volleyball. Volleyball has 2 young women that will be returning in the fall and they are looking forward to a great season. Football has been hard at it with spring training with 28 returners and 12 mid-year guys as well as 30 players from the 2014 season completing their eligibility and/or signing 4 year scholarships.

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